GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Elections - General Elections to House of the People (Lok Sabha), 2024 and State Legislative Assembly in State of Andhra Pradesh – Formation of Screening Committee- Orders - Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (AR) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.607 **Dated:18-03-2024.**

Read :

From the SR. Principal Secretary, Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.437/6/1/ INST/ ECI/FUNCT/MCC/2024, dated:16.03.2024.

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ORDER:-

The Election Commission of India, New Delhi in the reference read above, has informed that, a number of proposals relating to Model Code of Conduct (MCC) are being received in the Commission from Chief Electoral Officers and sometimes from the concerned Departments directly. The Commission has decided that a Screening Committee headed by Chief Secretary of the State shall be constituted.

2. The Committee shall examine each proposal, before sending it to the Commission, through the Chief Electoral Officer concerned, in the light of the Commission's existing instructions/ clarifications available in the form of Manual on Model Code of Conduct/Compendium of instructions on Model Code of Conduct/ instructions available on the Commission's website. The proposals cleared by the Screening Committee shall be submitted to the Chief Electoral Officer along with full details and a note on urgency, i.e. why the proposal can't wait till completion of poll/election. The Chief Electoral Officer shall forward only such proposal (s) that are cleared by the aforesaid Screening Committee, to the Commission along with his/her comments immediately. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has also instructed that the departments may be advised not to forward any reference directly to the Commission. Further, no Department of the State Govt./ Union Territory Administrator shall send original file to the CEO's office but only a self-contained reference be sent through the Screening Committee.

3. In pursuance of instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI), Government hereby constitute Screening Committee with the following composition:

I. Chief Secretary - Chairman
II. Secretary/Principal Secretary/Special Chief Secretary of the Department (s) to which the proposal relates – Member
III. Secretary/ Principal Secretary of the General Administration/ Special Chief Secretary(GAD-AR) - Member

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4. All the departments of Secretariat are requested not to send any proposals relating to Model Code of Conduct to the Election Commission of India or the Chief Electoral Officer directly, but shall send such proposals relating to Model Code of Conduct to the Special Chief Secretary GAD(AR) for being put up to the above constituted Screening Committee. District Collectors and Heads of Departments shall route their proposals relating to Model Code of Conduct through their concerned Administrative Departments.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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All Heads of Departments in the state
The Chief Electoral Officer, GA (Elections) Dept
All District Collectors.
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